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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
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REMARKS

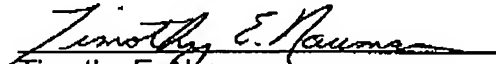
The currently presented claims and amendment are deemed to be responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 26, 2005.

The Office Action of March 22, 2005 required an election of invention. The invention of Group I, directed to a system and process for processing can end shells, comprising claims 1-3 and 10-11, was elected. It was requested that claims 4-9 be withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserved the right to refile the non-elected claims in the form of a divisional application during the pendency of the current application, or any co-pending application.

Further action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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